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REF: YOUR TELEPHONIC REQUEST DATED 6 JUNE 1975 FROM DIANE HENSHAW

1. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ SUBJECT: GENOUD, FRANCOIS

DOB: 26 OCTOBER 1915

POB: LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

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2. THE FILES OF THIS OFFICE CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES BETWEEN MARCH 1957 AND MARCH 1975.

3. SUBJECT IS CURRENTLY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ARAB COMMERCIAL BANK IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND AND THE SECRETARY/ GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE ARAB WORLD.

4. SUBJECT WAS ALIGNED WITH THE NAZIS AND THE FASCISTS DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS ALLEGEDLY AN ABWEHR AGENT. AFTER THE WAR HE WAS DIRECTOR OF A PUBLISHING HOUSE PROFESSING NEO-NAZI SYMPATHIES. FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED IN 1953, SUBJECT WAS A SWISS LITERARY AGENT WHO SOLD "HITLER'S TABLE CONVERSATIONS" TO THE FLAMMARION PUBLISHING COMPANY HAVING ACQUIRED POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM BORMANN'S *int MARTIN*

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EXECUTORS. SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH NAZI CIRCLES AND MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF EX-GERMAN OFFICIALS PRESENTLY LIVING IN ARAB COUNTRIES.

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5. IN THE 1960'S SUBJECT WAS CONNECTED WITH THE ALGERIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MUHAMMAD KHIDIR, AN ALGERIAN ^{IA} POLITICIAN, WHO FLED ALGERIA WITH A LARGE SUM OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT MONEY. IN 1964 SUBJECT WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING AIDED KHIDIR IN THE ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS, WAS PUT IN AN ALGERIAN JAIL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND FINALLY DEPORTED.

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6. SUBJECT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH ARAB EXTREMISTS AND IS ACTIVE IN PRO-ARAB CIRCLES IN SWITZERLAND. HE IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH GEORGE HABBASH, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PFLP, AND HIS GROUP IN BEIRUT, LEBANON. IN SEPTEMBER 1970 AN ARTICLE IN AN ITALIAN MAGAZINE "GENTE" REPORTED THAT SUBJECT ATTENDED THE TRIAL OF THREE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED AN EL AL AIRPLANE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND. AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTER OF THE PFLP MOVEMENT, SUBJECT ACTED AS COUNSELOR BETWEEN THE ARAB LAWYERS AND THE PALESTINIAN PRISONERS.

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